

## House Resolution 2161

By: Representatives Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Austin of the 10<sup>th</sup>, and Allison of the 8<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Shoal Creek Baptist Church on the occasion of its 175th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of Shoal Creek  
4 Baptist Church's devoted original families, the Bowens, Browns, Gilstraps, Jacksons,  
5 Kanadys, Mears, McGees, Nixs, and Stringers, have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition  
6 and history; and

7 WHEREAS, organized on September 12, 1835, Shoal Creek Baptist Church's first pastor was  
8 Reverend Thomas Morris Kimzey, who is buried in the church's historical cemetery, and  
9 Thomas Brown served as the first deacon; and

10 WHEREAS, this incredible house of worship withstood the Civil War and has grown under  
11 the divine direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread  
12 throughout the community and supporting the current congregation of 524 faithful members;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of  
15 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through  
16 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

17 WHEREAS, members of Shoal Creek Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve the Lord  
18 and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
20 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered  
21 on behalf of persons in need.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Shoal Creek Baptist Church,  
24 commend its 175 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their  
25 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Shoal Creek Baptist Church.